

Furthermore, the combination of the cited references does not produce Claims 23-25.

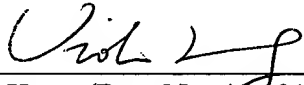
Therefore, the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of Claims 3-15 and 22-25 should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the application is in good and proper condition for allowance. Early notification of allowance is earnestly solicited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned.

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